

been received showing the election of the Honorable ANIBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ as Resident Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 2001; the election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN as delegate of the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALOMAVAEGA as delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO as delegate from Guam.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and to precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE).

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Clerk, for 4 years we have been blessed to have an individual of fairness, honesty, and common sense lead us without regard to rank or party. During even the most difficult of times, this common man with an uncommon conviction to do what is right has risen to the task and served as the Speaker for the whole House of Representatives.

Therefore, Mr. Clerk, as chairman of the House Republican Conference, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that conference, and am very honored to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 108th Congress of the United States of America, the name of the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, a representative-elect from the State of Illinois.

The CLERK. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ).

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Clerk, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by the unanimous vote of that caucus to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress an incredibly talented Member of the Democratic Caucus and, for the first time in history, the name of a woman, the name of the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a representative-elect from the State of California.

The CLERK. The Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, a representative-elect from the State of Illinois, and the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a representative-elect from the State of California, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk will appoint tellers.

The Clerk appoints the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS), the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs.

JOHNSON), and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ).

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The roll will now be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choice.

The reading clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 2] HASTERT—228

Aderholt	Foley	Miller, Gary
Akin	Forbes	Moran (KS)
Bachus	Fossella	Murphy
Baker	Franks (AZ)	Musgrave
Ballenger	Frelinghuysen	Myrick
Barrett (SC)	Gallegly	Nethercutt
Bartlett (MD)	Garrett (NJ)	Ney
Barton (TX)	Gerlach	Northup
Bass	Gibbons	Norwood
Beauprez	Gilchrest	Nunes
Bereuter	Gillmor	Nussle
Biggert	Gingrey	Osborne
Bilirakis	Goode	Ose
Bishop (UT)	Goodlatte	Otter
Blackburn	Goss	Oxley
Blunt	Granger	Paul
Boehlert	Graves	Pearce
Boehner	Green (WI)	Pence
Bonilla	Greenwood	Peterson (PA)
Bonner	Gutknecht	Petri
Bono	Harris	Pickering
Boozman	Hart	Pitts
Bradley (NH)	Hastings (WA)	Platts
Brady (TX)	Hayes	Pombo
Brown (SC)	Hayworth	Porter
Brown-Waite,	Hefley	Portman
Ginny	Hensarling	Pryce (OH)
Burgess	Herger	Putnam
Burns	Hobson	Quinn
Burr	Hoekstra	Radanovich
Burton (IN)	Hostettler	Ramstad
Buyer	Houghton	Regula
Calvert	Hulshof	Rehberg
Camp	Hunter	Renzi
Cannon	Hyde	Reynolds
Cantor	Isakson	Rogers (AL)
Capito	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Carter	Istook	Rogers (MI)
Castle	Janklow	Rohrabacher
Chabot	Jenkins	Ros-Lehtinen
Chocola	Johnson (CT)	Royce
Coble	Johnson (IL)	Ryan (WI)
Cole	Johnson, Sam	Ryun (KS)
Collins	Jones (NC)	Saxton
Combest	Keller	Schrock
Cox	Kelly	Sensenbrenner
Crane	Kennedy (MN)	Sessions
Crenshaw	King (IA)	Shadegg
Cubin	King (NY)	Shaw
Culberson	Kingston	Shays
Cunningham	Kirk	Sherwood
Davis, Jo Ann	Kline	Shimkus
Davis, Tom	Knollenberg	Shuster
Deal (GA)	Kolbe	Simmons
DeLay	LaHood	Simpson
DeMint	Latham	Smith (MI)
Diaz-Balart,	LaTourette	Smith (NJ)
Lincoln	Leach	Smith (TX)
Diaz-Balart,	Lewis (CA)	Souder
Mario	Lewis (KY)	Stearns
Doolittle	Linder	Sullivan
Dreier	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Duncan	Lucas (OK)	Tancredo
Dunn	Manzullo	Tauzin
Ehlers	McCotter	Taylor (NC)
Emerson	McCrery	Terry
English	McHugh	Thomas
Everett	McInnis	Thornberry
Feeney	McKeon	Tiahrt
Ferguson	Mica	Tiberi
Flake	Miller (FL)	Toomey
Fletcher	Miller (MI)	Turner (OH)

Upton
Vitter
Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp

Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker

Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

PELOSI—201

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Ballance
Becerra
Bell
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (OH)
Brown, Corrine
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Case
Clay
Clyburn
Conyers
Cooper
Costello
Cramer
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley (CA)
Doyle
Edwards
Emanuel
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Gordon

Green (TX)
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hoeffel
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hoyer
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
Kleczka
Kucinich
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Lynch
Majette
Maloney
Markey
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McIntyre
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Michaud
Millender-
 McDonald
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (VA)
Murtha

Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Rodriguez
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Sabo
Sánchez, Linda
 T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
Sandlin
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sherman
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Spratt
Stark
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Turner (TX)
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velazquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

MURTHA—1

Taylor (MS)

PRESENT—4

Lucas (KY)
Stenholm

NOT VOTING—1

Hooley

□ 1330

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 434, of which the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT of the State of Illinois has received 228, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 201, the Honorable JOHN

MURTHA of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has received 1 vote, with 4 recorded as "present."

Therefore, the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT of the State of Illinois is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress, having received the majority of the votes cast.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair: The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE), the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. COSTELLO), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIERREZ), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS), the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT), the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JOHNSON), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL).

The committee will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 108th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of escort.

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Ms. PELOSI. First, congratulations to each and every Member of this House on your swearing-in to the 108th Congress which is about to occur. A special congratulations and welcome to the freshmen to the Capitol and certainly to their families and friends. Let us all welcome our freshmen Members.

Let me also thank my Democratic colleagues. I am humbled by the honor they have bestowed upon me to become the House Democratic leader. I know that I speak for all of us when I express profound gratitude to our esteemed colleague, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT). We thank the gentleman for his unwavering service to this institution and to our country. It is a great honor to follow in his footsteps.

And to my family, my dear husband, Paul, our five children, and our five grandchildren, and to my D'Alesandro family, I thank them very much for the love, support, encouragement, and joy that they have given me.

Because of you, and the people of San Francisco, whom I am honored to serve, I had the unprecedented privilege today to have my name placed in nomination as the first woman ever to do so in the history of the House of Representatives.

I am grateful to my colleagues for the confidence and proud of my party for breaking down another barrier and leading America closer to the ideal of equality that is both our heritage and our hope.

We serve in the people's House; and today, I want to pay tribute to the American people. It is their greatness, their fair-mindedness, their commitment to family, their willingness to hope and dream that sustain our country.

I especially wish to acknowledge the men and women in uniform whose courage keeps our country free and safe and makes it possible for us to strive for peace on Earth and goodwill toward mankind.

For more than 214 years, the American people have issued a most awesome challenge to those of us in Congress. Debate, the American people tell us when they send us here, debate the great issues of our Nation. Decide matters of war and peace. Fashion laws and policies that will make our economy sound, our institutions fair, our society just, our environment protected, our people educated and healthy, our religions and beliefs free from constraint, and our homeland secure from terror.

Debate policies, the American people tell us, which will ensure peace and justice throughout the world, comfort the afflicted, give voice to the oppressed, and make the future brighter for our children.

Today I speak as the leader of the minority in a closely divided House of Representatives. We are on different sides of the aisle, but we have shared oath and a greater obligation to serve our country together, both to find common ground wherever we can and to stand our ground wherever we must to be true to the people we represent.

My colleagues, I commit to all of you and to the American people that our party will always stand for the principles in which we believe, for I believe those principles represent the mainstream beliefs of our Nation: fairness, opportunity, patriotism, community, equal rights and a strong America, safe and prosperous at home, and committed abroad to a more secure and just world, free from the fear of terrorism.

So in that spirit, I ask the majority in this House and the administration to join us in a new spirit to get our economy moving again in a way that helps working families. I ask that you join us in creating jobs and providing access to quality health care for America's families, including a prescription drug coverage for our seniors.

I ask that, after having passed the Leave No Child Behind Act, we act now to pledge to put our children first and fully fund their education.

Finally and fundamentally, on the great and fateful issues we have all faced as Americans, especially since September 11, let me pledge for my party our absolute commitment to our national security, to winning the battle against terrorism and countering the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

At times, we will have to debate on how best to provide for the common defense. That debate is not only right and necessary, it is at the heart of our democracy. But let there be no doubt, in our commitment to the strength and safety of America, there are no Democrats, there are no Republicans. Together, as Americans, we must and will prevail.

We have great and grave issues to decide, as fateful as any faced by any of the 107 Congresses before us. So let us reach across party lines as we stand for principle, and let this be our own test, to advance and defend what is best for America.

Now it is my privilege to present the Speaker of the House with my hardest congratulations. Mr. Speaker, I hope in the next Congress our roles will be reversed, and you will have this wonderful privilege of presenting the gavel.

In introducing our Speaker, let me first pay tribute to his skill, his decency and his integrity. We all hold the title of "honorable" by virtue of the office we hold; DENNIS HASTERT holds the title of "honorable" by virtue of his character. He is a man of honor.

It is my privilege, colleagues, to present the Speaker of the House for the 108th Congress, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT).

The SPEAKER. I want to thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) for her gracious remarks, and I want to congratulate her for her historic achievement. NANCY PELOSI is the first woman in our Nation's history to be nominated to be Speaker of the House of Representatives. Now that this glass ceiling has been broken, I trust she will not be the last.

NANCY PELOSI is not the only woman to make history today. The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) today becomes the first woman to chair the House Republican Conference. I want to congratulate her as well.

I think it is altogether appropriate to note the history these two outstanding representatives have made today. We are a better country because of the active political participation of millions of American women, in this House and in elected positions all across this Nation.

We have 63 women Members in the House today. They represent millions of American. They fight hard for their constituents, and they serve with distinction.

Let me say to my good friend, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), as I welcome her to her new post as minority leader, we are going to have our fair share of disagreements. That is the nature of our two-party system. But together we must always find ways to make America a better and a more secure place to live.

My door will always be open as we work together in this 108th Congress. To all Members of this House, I say thank you for giving me the great honor to serve once again as your Speaker.

As we stand here today, we leave behind the work of the historic 107th Congress. Some of the achievements of the 107th Congress were planned, others were thrust upon us by events. We enacted landmark education reform, far-reaching election reform, and we have completed work on the most significant tax relief in a generation.

But we are also confronted by the most brutal, the senseless, and most tragic attack on our citizens in our Nation's history. The events of September 11, 2001, which we recalled in a historic commemorative session in New York City last fall, are still very much in our thoughts and in our prayers.

We ache for those we lost at the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon, and we give quiet thanks to those brave passengers on United Flight 93 who stopped the terrorists from crashing another plane into Washington, D.C. We sit in this Chamber knowing that it may very well have been the target for that ill-fated flight.

Just a few steps from here, on the central steps of this Capitol building, we stood together on September 11, Republicans and Democrats. We stood shoulder to shoulder representing one Nation, under God, indivisible, and pledged to fight those who would threaten our freedom.

□ 1400

In this room, just a few days later, our President called us to action. And act we did to give the President the tools he needed to fight those who engage in terrorism and those who harbor them.

Friends, our fellow Americans know that we are still engaged in that struggle today. Like generations before, they know that freedom comes with a price. As we begin this new Congress, I want to say to the American people, we will keep that commitment we made on the steps of this Capitol on September 11, 2001. This Congress will do everything in its power to provide for the security of the American people. We are determined that it shall never happen here again.

The Members of this House who are returning can be proud of the legislation we passed to create a Department of Homeland Security, the most significant restructuring of the Federal

Government in the last 50 years. It will help make this Nation more secure.

But the 108th Congress must build on the work of the last Congress. Having given birth to this new department, we must now nurture it and, with the leadership of our President, guide it to successful maturity. And as we build on the achievements of the 107th Congress, we must not forget the legacy of three leaders, two who decided to make the 107th Congress their last, and another who chose to step down from his leadership post as he considers other opportunities for public service.

Dick Armey and DICK GEPHARDT differed in many ways. The former majority leader and the former minority leader were often at odds on tax policy, debated vigorously on social policy, and presented competing visions for America. But they both loved the St. Louis Rams. Their leadership, along with that of J.C. Watts, will be missed in this House, and I wish them the best in their new endeavors.

As we start the 108th Congress, we welcome 54 new Members of the House. I have had a chance to meet almost all of them, and I am impressed by their experience, by their expertise and by their energy. The other body also welcomes 10 new Senators, including several of our former colleagues.

As I begin my third term as Speaker of the House, and ninth term as a Member of Congress representing the voters of the 14th District of Illinois, I want to thank my constituents for honoring me with their trust. My district stretches from the far suburbs of Chicago, through the Fox River Valley, to the great Mississippi River. It includes suburbs, small towns and flowing fields of corn and soybeans. It is the heartland of America. I am particularly proud that it includes Dixon, Illinois, the boyhood home of one of the giants of the 20th century, President Ronald Reagan.

As you all know, I go home as often as possible, because it is there that I get a dose of reality. It is usually my wife Jean who provides that dose of reality. Thank you, Jean, for all of your love, your support and your patience.

I believe that to be a good Speaker of the House, you also must be a good listener. I pledge to you that I will continue to open my door to listen to your concerns and to do my best to do the will of this House. And as we start the 108th Congress, we must all begin by listening to America, to the men and women who sent us here.

What is it that concerns our citizens? First and foremost, they want us to make this Nation more secure. Terrorists threaten our American homeland. This Capitol building and the buildings where our fellow Americans work and live and worship are all on the front lines of this new war. Now that we have a Department of Homeland Security,

we in the Congress have a duty to make sure it works as it was designed to work. It must protect our citizens without invading their privacy unnecessarily. It must make our government more effective in fighting terrorism without making our government too big. And it must do its work efficiently, without compromising workers' rights.

Later on today, we will vote to create a Select Committee on Homeland Security. Members of this select committee will oversee the creation of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain that the executive branch is carrying out the will of the Congress. This select committee will be our eyes and our ears as this critical department is organized. The standing committees of the House will maintain their jurisdictions and will still have authorization and oversight responsibilities. This House needs to adapt to the largest reorganization of our executive branch in 50 years, and this select committee will help us make this transition.

As we protect our citizens, we must also support our Armed Forces as they fight the terrorists and the terrorist states that protect them. Giving our Armed Forces and intelligence services the resources they need to get the job done will be a top priority of this House.

As we work to make American families more secure, we also need to improve our Nation's economy. Without a sound economy that creates jobs, no family really feels secure. In too many pockets of our Nation, the economy stumbles along. This week, this House, as we did in the waning hours of the 107th Congress, will address an immediate need by passing an extension of unemployment benefits.

But we all know that unemployment benefits are no substitute for a permanent job. We must ask ourselves, what can we do to improve our economic growth and create jobs? First, we can lower the tax burden on small businesses so that they can hire more workers. Eighty percent of all the jobs in my district, and I suspect many of yours, are created by small and medium-sized businesses. Let us do something to help the job creators.

Second, we can increase export opportunities with the rest of the world. Last year we passed trade promotion authority. This year we need to promote more trade and, yes, fair trade.

Third, we can cut the cost of government, of regulations, and of litigation, which too often strangles business creation and puts an undue burden on our consumers.

Fourth, we can make the President's tax cuts permanent. What sense does it make to phase out the unfair death tax over 8 years only to have it come back to life in year 9? And we have to look at longer term reform of our Tax Code.

Our Tax Code should help us compete on the world stage. But does it help or actually hurt job creation? Would it not make sense to make our Tax Code simpler, smarter and less burdensome?

As we work to make the economy stronger, we must also work to make our health care system better. We face a health care crisis in this country. Forty-four million Americans are uninsured. Prescription drug costs are too high. Health care costs continue to skyrocket. We need to address all of these issues, and we need to do it quickly. No senior citizen should be forced to choose between putting food on the table or purchasing lifesaving prescription drugs. No small business mom and pop operation should have to risk going without health insurance for their children because the cost is too high. No baby boomer should be forced to face bankruptcy just because she gets sick. Our health care system is the best in the world. But it could be even better and more accessible to everyone. We have the resources, we have the talent, and we have the know-how. Now let us have the right laws to allow for an even better system.

Finally, last year we passed landmark education reform. The Leave No Child Behind Act was a good start to making our public schools the best in the world. But we still have much work to do. I taught at a public high school for 16 years. My wife taught public grade school for over 30 years. I know how tough, yet how rewarding teaching can be. There is no more noble profession than being a teacher. There is no better investment in the future of our Nation than education. Yet far too often our schools are not as good as they ought to be. Let us work together, as Republicans and Democrats, to improve our schools and support our teachers.

On this historic day, my mind turns to our most sacred political document, our Constitution. It is here that we, the Congress of the United States, are charged with a simple task: establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. Never has that mission seemed so important and never has it seemed to be more threatened.

My colleagues, we have a sacred duty to perform. As the elected representatives of the American people, we must, along with our President, shoulder a great burden of responsibility. Today, we are jubilant in our celebration, and rightfully so. Enjoy this day with your family and your friends. But come back tomorrow with your sleeves rolled up, because the task ahead is great and leadership is hard, steady work. You will be called upon to make many decisions over the next 2 years. Many will impact the economic well-being of your fellow Americans. Some may cause you

to send our youth into harm's way. There is no textbook for how to do your job. Each of you must find your own way. Start by doing your job to the best of your ability. Represent your constituents with the noblest of motives. And always be true to the democratic values of this great institution. Let us be respectful of those with whom we disagree and make an effort to find the common ground. Let us keep before us our common goal, to make this Nation safer and more secure for all Americans and a better place to pass on to our children and our grandchildren when our work here is done.

As we begin this new 108th Congress, let us be mindful of our Creator and of His plans for this great country. May God bless this House of Representatives.

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I recognize my good friend and colleague, the dean of the House of Representatives, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL); and he will administer the oath of the office of the Speaker.

Mr. DINGELL then administered the oath of office to Mr. HASTER of Illinois, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which you are about to enter. So help you God.

Mr. DINGELL. Congratulations.
(Applause, the Members rising.)

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to the precedents, the Chair will swear in all Members of the House at this time.

If the Members will rise, the Chair will now administer the oath of office.

The Members-elect and Delegates-elect and the Resident Commissioner-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 108th Congress.

MAJORITY LEADER

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Con-

ference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as their majority leader the gentleman from Texas, the Honorable TOM DELAY.

MINORITY LEADER

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that Democratic Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from California, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI.

MAJORITY WHIP

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as majority whip the gentleman from Missouri, the Honorable ROY BLUNT.

MINORITY WHIP

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have elected as minority whip the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. HOYER.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE HOUSE, SERGEANT AT ARMS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AND CHAPLAIN

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 1) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That Jeffery J. Trandahl of the State of South Dakota, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Wilson S. Livinood of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives;

That James M. Eagen, III, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and

That Father Daniel P. Coughlin of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution; but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.